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In re Application of: Wu-Po Ma *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/577,304
Filed: 05/24/00
Entitled: Improved Enzymes For The Detection Of Specific Nucleic Acid Sequences

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	23	—	57	0	×	18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	—	3	0	×	84.00	\$0.00

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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2002, with a two-month period for response ending on Saturday, December 7, 2002, and ending effectively on December 9, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-15, 18, 19 and 50-57 are pending in the present application. These claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed. These claims also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

Claims 1-8, 10, 15, 18, 19, and 50-57 Are Fully Enabled And The Inventors Were In Possession of the Claimed Invention At the Time the Application Was Filed.

I. The Specification Teaches One Skilled in the Art How to Make the Claimed Compositions.

The Examiner acknowledges that the specification enables the preparation of crude cell lysates that can be tested for enzymatic cleavage activity (Office Action mailed October 7, 2002,